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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT FOR HEAD OF OECD ENVIRONMENT
DIRECTORATE

1. DURING PAST WEEK CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS URGED DEPARTMENT
TO SUPPORT GOC CANDIDATE J.W.MAC NEILL FOR HEAD OF OECD
ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE. IN RESPONSE DEPARTMENT HAS TOLD
CANADIANS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY INFORMED WOOTEN OF OUR PRE-
FERENCE FOR TONY FAIRCLOUGH OF UK FOR THIS POSITION.

2. ALTHOUGH DECISION TO BACK FAIRCLOUGH MADE BEFORE WE
WERE AWARE OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR
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MAC NEILL'S CANDIDACY, DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT
FAIRCLOUGH BEST CHOICE TO FILL THIS SLOT. WHILE MAC NEILL
ADMITTEDLY HAS IMPRESSIVE CURRICULUM VITAE, FAIRCLOUGH HAS
DISTINCT ADVANTAGE OF POSSESSING INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF
WORKINGS OF OECD MACHINERY. ADDITIONALLY, FAIRCLOUGH'S
MORE GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL BACKGROUND APPEARS TO BE BETTER
SUITED TO RODERICK POSITION THAN MAC NEILL'S, WHICH SEEMS

TO BE HEAVILY WEIGHTED TOWARDS URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS (AND THUS PARALLELS THAT OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR SCIMEMI). WE HAVE HEARD THAT OECD POST IS, IN FACT, MAC NEILL'S SECOND CHOICE AS HE IS ALSO CAMPAIGNING FOR POSITION AS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW UN CENTER FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. (SIGNIFICANTLY, USG HAS OFFICIALLY TOLD UN THAT IT SUPPORTS MAC NEILL FOR THAT JOB.) IN AN APRIL DISCUSSION WITH GLASOE (OES) FAIRCLOUGH INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD A QUALIFIED US CANDIDATE FOR A-5 POSITION OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WHEN OPPORTUNITY ARISES, IF HE WERE APPOINTED TO THE TOP POST. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES HAVING EUROPEAN DIRECTOR AND AMERICAN IN ONE OF THE DEPUTY SLOTS WOULD CONSTITUTE MORE ACCEPTABLE COMBINATION TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAN POTENTIAL OVERLOADING OF SENIOR POSITIONS BY NORTH AMERICANS. FINALLY, IN VIEW OF OUR ALREADY-STATED SUPPORT FOR FAIRCLOUGH, WE BELIEVE THAT BACKSLIDING TOWARDS NEUTRALITY COULD BOOMERANG AGAINST US AND DEPRIVE US OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN US A-5 POSITION.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT STATE OF PLAY REGARDING CHOICE OF RODERICK'S REPLACEMENT AND ESTIMATE OF WHEN A FINAL DECISION MIGHT BE EXPECTED. CHRISTOPHER

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